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1. An evaluation of incoming transportation reports [REDACTED] presented the following picture of Soviet military supply shipments from the USSR to East Germany during the period from 1 March through 31 May 1953:

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Type of Supply	Number of Cars		
	March	April	May
ammunition	177	170	116
fuel	9	10	51
heavy weapons	-	-	78
tanks and armored scout cars	40	35	133
motor vehicles	55	116	96
small arms and military equipment	67	6	13
engineer equipment	-	-	-
signal equipment	3	-	10
tank spare parts	59	95	123
motor vehicle spare parts	-	-	5
medical supply	-	-	-
rations	93	115	109
clothing	-	1	30
PX good	-	3	-
aircraft	-	118	1

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Type of Supply	Number of Cars		
	March	April	May
air force equipment	38	25	75
undetermined military goods	96	56	59
	637	148	879

2. In detail, the following must be stated regarding the above tabulation:

- a. Supply shipments handled in February and March were not covered completely. It is believed that in March and April the volume of military supply actually arriving at Soviet supply installations in East Germany was 30 and 15 percent higher respectively than stated in the present report. An evaluation of Soviet supply traffic has been made more complex by the absence of data indicating the consignee of military shipments. Since the beginning of 1953, [redacted] 25X1C

[redacted] This makes it almost impossible to determine the nature of supply shipments sent to places where several Soviet supply installations are located. Compared with reports furnished in 1952, this led to an increase in the number of carloads listed as unidentified military goods. Nevertheless, it can be stated with a fair degree of certainty that during the period under review the monthly flow of supply traffic was below the monthly average of 1,000 carloads as observed in 1952.

- b. In March, ordnance depots received increased amounts of supply. The depots involved possibly furnish KVP units. In April, sizable shipments of aircraft, mostly MiG-15s, were dispatched to the Cottbus area for the equipment of the VP air force. Approximately 100 tanks and 45 scout cars arrived in May. The tanks were old equipment directed to the large tank repair shops in Kirchmoeser and Wuensdorf. As no tank shipments from East Germany to the USSR have been observed in the last months, there is a possibility that tank units in the USSR were given new tank equipment and that their old tanks were sent to East Germany for general overhaul prior to delivery to KVP units. Moreover, it appears to be worth mentioning that 25 to 30 rocket launchers each were sent to the three rocket launcher regiments in Koenigsrueck, Luckenwalde, and Schoenwalde. Throughout the reported period, only few new motor vehicles, mostly special trucks, arrived in East Germany from the USSR.

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